



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 13, 2014
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: January 21 – Bill request deadline.
January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 13, 2014

SB 149 Senator Zirkin

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – PAYMENT OF COSTS

Authorizing a court to order a defendant convicted of a specified charge of animal cruelty, as a condition of sentencing, to pay, in addition to any other fines and costs, all reasonable costs incurred in removing, housing, treating, or euthanizing an animal confiscated from the defendant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, §§ 10-604, 10-606, 10-607, and 10-608 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 150 Senator Stone**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – DUNDALK RENAISSANCE OFFICE AND INCUBATOR PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Dundalk Renaissance Office and Incubator Project, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 151 Senator Colburn**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT – FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

Altering a specified provision of law to clarify that a promulgating unit is required to submit a specified fiscal impact statement with a proposed regulation to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review and the Department of Legislative Services; and altering a specified provision of law to prohibit a unit from adopting a proposed regulation until after a specified fiscal impact statement is submitted with the proposed regulation to the Committee for preliminary review.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, §§ 10-110(c)(1), 10-111, and 10-112 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 152 Senator Colburn**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2013 – DORCHESTER COUNTY – CAMBRIDGE MARINE TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013 to change the grantee of the grant for the Cambridge Marine Terminal Redevelopment grant from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation to the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Cambridge; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Chapter 424 of the Acts of 2013, § 1(3) Item ZA00(AF) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 153 **Senator Middleton, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS TO REDUCE THE RATE OF UNINSURED DRIVERS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Methods to Reduce the Rate of Uninsured Drivers; providing for the composition, cochair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations, including those regarding the rate of uninsured drivers in the State and in other states and the ways in which the rate is calculated in Maryland; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Finance

SB 154 **Senator Feldman****COMMERCIAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH INTERNET TICKET SALES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally selling or using specified software to circumvent a security measure, an access control system, or any other control or measure on a specified Web site that is used to ensure an equitable ticket buying process; and providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and is subject to specified enforcement and penalty provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CL, §§ 14-4001 through 14-4003 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 155 **Senator Brinkley, et al****MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a specified limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax; repealing a specified limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2017; and altering a specified limit on the amount of the Maryland estate tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 7-309(b)(1), (2), and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 156 Senators Manno and Mathias**PUBLIC UTILITIES – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO
STANDARD – HYDROKINETIC TURBINES**

Altering the Maryland renewable energy portfolio standard program to include a specified amount of energy derived from hydrokinetic turbines beginning in the year 2022.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PU, § 7-701(d-1) - added and § 7-703(b)(17) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 157 Senator Edwards, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS**

Increasing from 65 miles an hour to 70 miles an hour the maximum speed limit that may be established on specified highways in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-801.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 158 Senator Edwards, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS – INTERSTATE 68**

Establishing that the maximum speed limit on Interstate 68 may be up to 70 miles an hour.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-801.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 159 Senators Edwards and Mathias**VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL VEHICLES – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of a “school vehicle”; establishing that a “school vehicle” includes specified vehicles that meet or comply with specified standards and requirements, were originally used to transport children, students, and teachers in another state, and are used only for transporting children to and from specified locations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 11-154 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 160 **Senator Pugh, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES – SUNSET AND REPORTING EXTENSION**

Extending to March 15, 2015, a specified reporting requirement of a registered debt settlement services provider; extending the deadline for specified reporting requirements of the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Consumer Protection Division in the Office of the Attorney General; extending to June 30, 2016, the termination date for the Maryland Debt Settlement Services Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Chapter 280 and Chapter 281 of the Acts of 2011, §§ 2(a), 3, and 4 and FI, § 12-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 161 **Senators Conway and Reilly****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HARD CIDER – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of hard cider to include beverages derived primarily from pears or pear concentrate and water, containing no other fruit product, and containing at least one-half of 1% and less than 7% of alcohol by volume.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 1-102(a)(9-1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 162 **Senator Conway, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED PODIATRISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Altering the definition of “practice podiatry” to include the surgical treatment of acute ankle fracture in the scope of practice of licensed podiatrists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, § 16-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 163 Senator Brochin, et al**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT AND EXCLUSION AMOUNT**

Repealing a limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax; repealing a requirement that the Maryland estate tax shall be in effect even if the federal estate tax is not in effect on the date of the decedent's death; repealing a requirement that the Maryland estate tax be determined without regard to a specified deduction allowed under the federal estate tax; and applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 7-309(b)(1), (2), and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 164 Senator Brochin, et al**CRIMES – USE OF A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME – DIMINUTION CREDITS AND SENTENCING**

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction or sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a local correctional facility who is serving a sentence for the use of specified firearms in the commission of specified crimes; prohibiting a court from suspending any part of a specified mandatory minimum sentence; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CS, §§ 3-702 and 11-502 and CR, § 4-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 165 Senator King, et al**EDUCATION – MARYLAND SCHOOL ASSESSMENT – REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

Requiring the State Department of Education to request a specified waiver from the U.S. Department of Education within a specified period of time; prohibiting the Department from administering the Maryland School Assessment in the spring of 2014 under specified circumstances; and requiring the Department to administer the Maryland School Assessment under specified circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 166 **Senator Colburn**

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MINIMUM WAGE – ESTABLISHMENT
BY COUNTIES**

Authorizing a county to establish a minimum wage rate for employees working in the county; and altering the minimum wage that an employer is required to pay employees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 3-413 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 13, 2014

SJ 1 **Senator Frosh, et al**

**RESCISSION OF MARYLAND’S RATIFICATION OF THE CORWIN
AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

Rescinding Maryland’s ratification of the Corwin Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs